

Meeting Minutes May 22, 2013
Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

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DSES, Ste. 302
1000 S. Main St.
Salinas, CA 93901

Members/Alternates present: J.Butz, S. Goldman, P. Patterson, M. Martinez, C. Munteer, J. Empasis, S.Lynch, A.Mohamad, J.Foster, J.Teeter, R.Soto (by telephone)

Excused absences: E.Lawson, V.Barnes, E. Romero

1. **Call to order and introductions:** The meeting was called to order by S. Goldman at 3:37pm.
2. **Amendments to the agenda:** Under New Business a report on the silhouettes was added.
3. **Approval of Minutes of April 2013:** The minutes from April were unanimously approved (J.Foster, S.Lynch).
4. **Public Comments and oral communications:** None.
5. **Education and information:** A video of Carissa Phelps was shown and discussed. "Carissa Phelps was a runner. By twelve, she had run away from home, dropped out of school, and fled blindly into the arms of a brutal pimp, who made her walk the hard streets of central California. But even when she escaped him, she could not outrun the crushing inner pain of abuse, neglect, and abandonment. With little to hope for, she expected to end up in prison, or worse. But then her life was transformed through the unexpected kindness of a teacher and a counselor. Miraculously, by the time Carissa turned thirty, she had accomplished the unimaginable, graduating from UCLA with both a law degree and an MBA. She had left the streets behind, yet her path would eventually draw her back, this time working to help homeless and at-risk youth find their own paths to a better life. It is an inspiring true story about finding the courage to run toward healing and summoning the strength to light the way for others." She could be a possible speaker for our conference in 2014.

1. Working Group Reports

- a. **Executive Committee:** Council meetings will be scheduled for June and July 2013.
- b. **Membership Committee:** No report.
- c. **Batterer Intervention:** J.Butz will continue to invite them.
- d. **Victim Services:** No report
- e. **Medical Services:** No report.
- f. **DV Ombudsman:** R.Soto reported by telephone. She is interested in receiving feedback from victims regarding how they were treated by law enforcement, the court and other service providers. Discussion ensued regarding how to publicize it to victims, possibly posting a flyer or poster in schools, libraries, hospitals and doctors' offices. Instead of a direct number to the DV Ombudsman the referral number would be the crisis number or a

separate number that would have to be monitored by someone on the council. For the month of June P.Patterson's advocates will solicit feedback from DV victims and compile answers to be evaluated at the July 2013 meeting.

- g. **Conference:** S.Goldman reported that Tom North, whose family the movie "*Yours, Mine and Ours*" was based on, wrote a book describing growing up with a violent and abusive stepfather. His book also describes his journey as an adult male, healing the wounds of childhood trauma. He may be a possibility for the 2014 conference.
 - h. **Virtual Family Justice:** No report.
 - i. **Education:** No report.
2. **Action items:** None
3. **New Business**
- a. New appointments: Anab Mohamed was appointed as District 4 (Jane Parker's) representative. She is also a volunteer at the Monterey Rape Crisis Center.
 - b. Silhouettes: The Silhouettes were started by the Jr. League of Monterey in the 1990's to acknowledge those killed by domestic violence. Today the DA's Victim Unit maintains them; specifically Marcia Albert "protects" them. She also makes the cases for them. Marcia was given an award of appreciation for keeping the silhouettes protected.
4. **Old Business:**
- a. **Cut it Out:** J.Empasis has the cards and stickers needed to do her presentation in order to educate hairdressers about domestic violence and provide them with a card and information they can give to their clients. She will contact Wayne's College of Beauty to possibly do a presentation to all the aspiring beauty professionals.
 - b. **Fill vacancies:** J.Butz reported there are currently vacancies in District 1, 2, Education, Business and Latino Network.
 - c. **Recruit members for Conference Committee:** J.Butz and J. Empasis will co-chair the 2014 conference. J.Teeter volunteered to be on the committee also.
 - d. **Recruit members for Virtual Family Justice Center committee:** S.Goldman is the chair and will contact other members who indicated an interest.
 - e. **Recruit members for Education committee:** Currently G.Jimenez on the committee.
 - f. **View possible Public Service Announcements:** tabled.
 - g. **CASP Report:** R.Soto reported, by telephone that they are currently in the process of updating their strategic plan with information they gathered at community meetings throughout the city. Similar needs were identified this year as were in 2009. The report should be completed by May 31, 2013 and a team of CASP members will be presenting the report in Washington DC on June 5, 2013. The full report will be available to view on the City of Salinas website at: <http://www.ci.salinas.ca.us/pdf/SalinasSWP.pdf>
5. **Information Sharing/Discussion:** None.
6. **Correspondence:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 P.M.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 26, 2013 AT 3:30 P.M. IN SUITE 302.

FUTURE SPEAKERS/EDUCATION

- *EMDR/TRAUMA THERAPIST **
- *NEUROFEEDBACK PRACTITIONER **
- *PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS*

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